

♥ sing and paint and glue.  
it's just some of what we do.  
Happy Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

## Congratulations!!!!!!!



Left to right:- Marketta Rhone, Christ the King Early Education Center, Topeka, KS

-Rebecca Huse, Little Squirrels Daycare, Grinnell, KS

-Skylar Brown, Christ the King Early Education Center, Topeka, KS

-Mary Heston, Children's Learning Center, Lawrence, KS

Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (KCCTO) serves as a CDA Resource Center for Kansas child care providers. KCCTO's CDA Resource Specialist

provides guidance to individuals seeking information about the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, the overall CDA Credentialing process, how to contact the Council for Professional Recognition (the organization that awards CDA Credentials), how to meet application requirements for a first-time CDA, and how to renew an active CDA. KCCTO works to support CDA Candidates by providing affordable training through the CDA Training Track, providing assistance with the CDA Professional Portfolio, and offering scholarships to help mitigate the cost of the CDA Application fee.

The CDA Training Track has served over 300 providers since 2013, with 131 providers completing the CDA Training Track (finishing all 120 hours of required training) and 84 providers actively working on their training.

At KCCTO's 5th Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party Professional Development Event, KCCTO recognized 4 providers who completed the CDA Training Track in the last year and are currently working on completing their Professional Portfolios and remaining pre-application requirements. KCCTO staff and Mad Hatter attendees applauded the hard work these providers have put into their professional education and development, and also took the time to recognize the dedication of other attendees who have invested in their education and development by maintaining active CDAs and/or completing Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Ph.D.s in Early Childhood Education.

## What is the CDA?

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is the most widely recognized credential in Early Childhood Education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in Early Childhood Education.

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The CDA Council works to ensure that the nationally-transferable CDA is a credible and valid credential, recognized by the profession as a vital part of professional development.

### Benefits of the CDA include:

- Advance your career
- Meet job requirements
- Reinforce your commitment to early childhood education
- Provide parents with peace of mind
- Understand developmentally appropriate practice
- Increase your confidence

Learn more by visiting the CDA Council website: [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).



[www.ks.childcareaware.org](http://www.ks.childcareaware.org)  
855-750-3343





The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is proposing amendments to K.A.R. 28-4-125 (pertaining to licensed day care homes, group day care homes, child care centers and pre-schools), K.A.R. 28-4-584 (pertaining to school-age programs) and to K.A.R. 28-4-705 (pertaining to drop-in programs for school age children and youth). The proposed amendments are needed to comply with the comprehensive background check requirements of the federal [Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2014](#). The block grant reauthorization final rules identify comprehensive background checks, including fingerprint-based background checks, as a key element in assisting all states to improve the safety of children in child care settings

Background check requirements are protections intended to reduce the risk of abuse or neglect for children in regulated child care settings. Background checks also provide a basic level of assurance to parents that individuals caring for children do not have prior records of behavior that could endanger children in care.

The proposed amendments are available for public comment. Interested individuals may submit written comments by email, letter or fax to the contact person listed below. All written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2018. In addition, a public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Room 530, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka KS., to receive written and verbal comments.

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#### For more information click on the links below

- [Notice of Hearing](#)
- [K.A.R. 28-4-125 Background checks](#)— licensed daycare homes, group day care homes, child care centers
- [K.A.R. 28-4-584 Background checks](#)— school age programs
- [K.A.R. 28-4-705 Background checks](#)—drop-in programs for school age children and youth
- Information on how to [Comment on Proposed Amended Regulations](#)
- [Click here for General Background Check Questions and Answers](#)

**Check the links frequently for the most recent and up dated information!**



# NEW PROVIDER ACCESS PORTAL



## PROVIDER ACCESS

From the home page you can click the link **Submit a Child Care Licensing Application Online**

This will take you to the **NEW Provider Access Portal**

A **NEW** online application system called the PROVIDER ACCESS PORTAL is a one-stop location to review information, submit online application directly to Kansas Department of Health and Environment as well as the Department for Children and Families and is a convenient exchange of information with both agencies. With the Provider Access Portal you will be able to view your facility information, receive updates from Child Care Licensing and track all your facility information using the following tabs:

From this screen you will be able to create a new user account if you are the owner or log in if you have already created an account

- **Provider News**— licenses, applications and fees
- **New Applications**— creating new application or closing facility.
- **Affiliation Links**— adding new employee, volunteer, or residents
- **Resource Links**

As KDHE Child Care Licensing approaches the opening of the Provider Access Portal system there will be webinars as well as Online Application Instruction Videos training videos to assist providers/facilities with creating log ins and with accessing the new system.

Keep your eyes open and continue to check the website for updated information and training opportunities for the new Provider Access Portal. <http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/cappapp.htm>

## Helpful Links



GoNoodle is a great way to give kids a quick burst of physical activity on those days the weather does not permit going outside. GoNoodle is a **free** resource that is interactive.



Fred the Preparedness Dog  
[www.fredthepreparednessdog.org](http://www.fredthepreparednessdog.org)  
 Provider Emergency Preparedness Tools as well as fun games for kids.

## Some Inservice Training Opportunities



## Applying for an Initial Child Care License

**Renew online** – it is fast and secure. [Go to www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet](http://www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet).

If you are not currently registered and need your KDHE Person or Organization ID, please contact Child Care Licensing at 785-296-1270.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your facility is owned by a corporation, LLC, LLP, government entity agency or school district, please contact your organization's business office for instructions.

**Apply to become a New Child Care Facility** – **PLEASE NOTE:** You must attend an orientation with the licensed surveyor in your area **PRIOR** to applying to become a New Child Care Facility.

[Click here to locate a licensing surveyor in your area](#)



**Who Do You Contact or  
Where Do You Look?**  
[Health Department Surveyor Food Program](#)  
 Department for Children and Families  
[Child Care Subsidy](#)  
[Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect](#)  
 Kansas Health and Environment – [Child Care Licensing](#)



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